

BRIDGE ACROSS GRAND CALUMET RIVER AT GARY, IND.

FEBRUARY 11, 1925.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. SANDERS, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 11954]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11954) to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Grand Calumet River at Gary, Ind., having considered the same, report thereon with amendments and as so amended recommend that it pass.

The bill as amended has the approval of the War and Agriculture Departments, as will appear by the letters attached and which are made a part of this report.

Amend the bill as follows:

Line 3, page 1, after the word "That" insert "the consent of Congress is hereby granted to."

Line 4, page 1, strike out "be, and is hereby, authorized."

Line 6, page 1, after the word "River" insert "at a point suitable to the interests of navigation."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting the consent of Congress for the construction of a bridge across the Grand Calumet River at Gary, Ind."

WAR DEPARTMENT, *February 4, 1925.*

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill (H. R. 11954, 68th Cong., 2d sess.) to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Grand Calumet River at Gary, Ind., if amended as indicated.

As the navigable portions of the Grand Calumet River do not lie within the limits of a single State the consent of Congress is required under section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151), for the construction of a bridge thereover.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, February 4, 1925.

HON. SAMUEL E. WINSLOW,
*Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. WINSLOW: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 27, inclosing copy of H. R. 11954 for a report thereon, and for such views as the department may desire to communicate.

The bill proposes to authorize the board of county commissioners of Lake County, Ind., to construct a bridge across the Grand Calumet River where said river is crossed by what is commonly known as the Clark Road, in the city of Gary. It is the understanding of the department that if this bridge is constructed as proposed it will be free from tolls. It will not form a part of the Federal aid system and, therefore, this department has no suggestions to offer regarding it.

Sincerely,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*

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